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Title: ORGAN TRANSPLANT SOLUTIONS CONTAINING CONJUGATES OF SOLUBLE PEPTIDIC COMPOUNDS WITH MEMBRANE-BINDING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

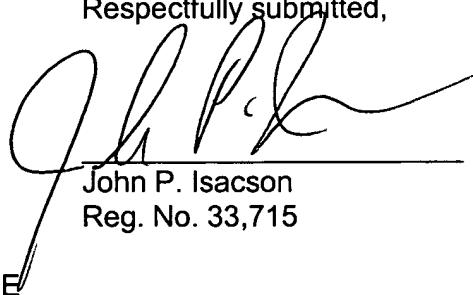
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2003 (Paper No. 1003), applicants hereby elect with traverse the claim of Group III, namely claim 9. Applicants submit that Group I should be rejoined in accordance with unity of invention principles. Applicants believe that no extension of time is required, but expressly request an extension, and provide an authorization to charge our firm deposit account, should an extension be needed. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641.

A first office action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,


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